
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE UNITED STATES AND THE NATION OF ISRAEL FOR THEIR
COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THE
STRENGTHENING OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP THROUGH THE UNITED
STATES-ISRAEL ECONOMIC STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP.

1 WHEREAS, the United States and Israel have built a strong
2 long standing relationship since May 14, 1948, and both nations
3 share common values including a commitment to democratic
4 governance and support for individual liberty and human rights;
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7 WHEREAS, the United States and Israel have benefitted from
8 a partnership that stimulates business, generates economic
9 development, creates jobs and increases investment between the
10 two democracies; and
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12 WHEREAS, the United States is Israel's largest trading
13 partner, and in 2009, United States goods exported to Israel
14 amounted to \$9,300,000,000 and United States imports from Israel
15 were \$18,300,000,000; and
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17 WHEREAS, the 1985 United States-Israel Free Trade
18 Agreement, the United States' first- and Israel's second-ever
19 bilateral trade agreement, has promoted mutual economic
20 development along with trade expansion and cooperation; and
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22 WHEREAS, the United States-Israel Free Trade Agreement has
23 led to an almost ten-fold increase in bilateral trade in goods
24 since its inception; and
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26 WHEREAS, according to the Embassy of Israel's Commercial
27 Trade Mission in the United States, between 2000 and 2009,
28 United States' direct investment in Israel totaled
29 \$77,000,000,000 and Israel's direct investment in the United
30 States during the same period totaled \$51,300,000,000; and



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2 WHEREAS, the alliance with Israel serves national security
3 interests due to Israel's shared democratic values, geostrategic
4 location, first-rate intelligence apparatus, and military
5 strength and this strategic partnership is fortified by
6 expanding the military and intelligence coordination network
7 between the United States and Israel; and
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9 WHEREAS, strategic partnership also includes Israel's
10 contribution to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization through
11 its status as a member state of the North Atlantic Treaty
12 Organization's Mediterranean Dialogue, in which Israel has
13 greatly contributed to regional stability and has demonstrated
14 an active commitment to the alliance's regional outreach and
15 cooperation; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the strong cultural,
18 economic, and strategic bonds that exist between the nation of
19 Israel and the State of Hawaii; and
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21 WHEREAS, the late United States Senator Daniel Inouye
22 described Israel as "one country [that] stands out as a
23 foundation of stability and a pillar of democracy"; now,
24 therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
28 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature
29 commends the strategic partnership between the United States and
30 the nation of Israel and their mutual commitment to democracy
31 and human rights, and encourages the continuing strong
32 relationship between Israel, the United States, and Hawaii; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages the
35 Governor of Hawaii to embark on a trade mission to Israel to
36 experience firsthand the enhanced opportunities for economic
37 cooperation and job growth resulting from the relationship
38 between the nation of Israel and the State of Hawaii; and
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
41 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
42 United States, the Prime Minister of Israel, Israel's Ambassador
43 to the United States, the United States Ambassador to Israel,
44 the United States Trade Representative Ambassador, the United



1 States Secretary of Defense, the Israeli Minister of Defense,
 2 the United States Secretary of State, the Israeli Minister of
 3 Foreign Affairs, and the Governor of Hawaii.
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